

**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DISINTER,  
REMOVE, AND REINTER HUMAN REMAINS**

State Form 30097 (R3/12-07)

Indiana State Department of Health  
Vital Records Division  
Indiana Code 23-14-57-1Application Date: 06/10/2019State Health Dept. No: 2019-30Date Issued: 6-14-2019Funeral Director: Savanah S. LightName of Deceased: John H. DillengerName of Current Cemetery: Crown Hill CemeteryAddress of Current Cemetery: 700 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208Date of Interment, Entombment, Inurnment: July 26, 1934Name of Proposed Cemetery: Crown Hill CemeteryAddress of Proposed Cemetery: 700 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208Time and Date of Reinterment, Reentombment, or Reinterment: September 16, 2019, 10:00 amName of Applicant: Michael C. ThompsonRelationship to Deceased: Nephew (NOK)Signature of Applicant: Michael C. Thompson

*By signing, I attest that I attend the removal and the reinterment, reentombment, or reinterment of the remains. I will record the ISDH Order for Disinterment and Reinterment in the county recorder's office of the county in which the removal occurred.*

Funeral Director's Printed Name: Savanah S. Light, FD21200035 - Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel, MonroviaFuneral Director's Signature: Savanah S. Light

In the Matter of the Proposed Exhumation  
Of a Body Purported to be John H. Dillinger

Affidavit of Mike Thompson

1. I am an adult competent to testify to the matters contained in this affidavit, which I make of my own free will and based on my personal knowledge of the facts below.
2. I am a resident of *Polk* County, Indiana, and my address is:  
[REDACTED]
3. I am a descendant of John H. Dillinger ("Dillinger"), who was born on June 22, 1903, reportedly died by gunshot wound on July 22, 1934, and was buried in a family plot, section 44 of Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana.
4. I am related to Dillinger as follows: My grandfather, John Wilson Dillinger, was Dillinger's father. His date of birth was July 27, 1864, and he died on November 3, 1943. My mother was Frances H. Dillinger Thompson, Dillinger's half-sister and the daughter of John Wilson Dillinger and Elizabeth C. Fields Dillinger, who was born on September 18, 1897 and died May 25, 1933.
5. I have been presented with evidence that demonstrates that the individual who was shot and killed at the Biograph Theater in Chicago on July 22, 1934 may not in fact have been my uncle, John H. Dillinger. This evidence includes the non-match of his eye color, the ear shape and protrusion from the head, the fingerprints not matching, the existence of a heart condition, and the apparent non-match of the anterior teeth.
6. It is my belief and opinion that it is critical to learn whether Dillinger lived beyond his reported date of death of July 22, 1934. If he was not killed on that date, I am interested in discovering what happened to him, where he lived, whether he had children, and whether any such children or grandchildren are living today.
7. Also, it is my belief and opinion that, if the FBI killed the wrong man outside the Biograph Theater, it is also important to identify the man in the grave at Crown Hill Cemetery.
8. I have been advised, and I agree, that the only means by which the identity of the individual purported to be John Dillinger may be known for certain is to exhume the body from Crown Hill Cemetery and conduct proper forensic examinations and tests.
9. I acknowledge and understand that an exhumation will involve disturbing the ground of the grave in question and exposing the body, moving it to a forensic laboratory, analyzing it, and possibly removing a bone or bones for DNA testing.

10. I have been advised that the family plot will be repaired and restored in keeping with the cemetery's standards and procedures.
11. I hereby agree to the exhumation and analysis described above, and to any other forensic activities that experts involved in the analysis determine are necessary in order to make a positive identification.
12. I understand that the remains of the man purported to be Dillinger will be photographed and videotaped during the examination, and at times during the forensic analysis, and I give my consent to such photography and videography.
13. Further your affiant sayeth not.

Dated this 19 day of May, 2019.


Mike Thompson  
Mike Thompson

I SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTIES FOR PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Mike Thompson  
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**Affidavit of Carol Thompson**

1. I am an adult competent to testify to the matters contained in this affidavit, which I make of my own free will and based on my personal knowledge of the facts below.
2. I am a resident of Madison County, Indiana, and my address is:  

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13. Further your affiant sayeth not.

Dated this 20 day of May 2019.

Carol Thompson Griffith  
Carol Thompson

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Carol Thompson Griffith  
Carol Thompson





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State Form 11678 (R3/12-07)

Indiana State Department of Health  
Vital Records Division  
Indiana Code 23-14-57-1

State Health Dept. No: 2019-30

Date Issued: JUNE 18, 2019

Name of applicant: MICHAEL C. THOMPSON

Relationship to the deceased: NEWPHEW

Name of deceased: JOHN H. DILLENGER

Name and address of current cemetery: CROWN HILL CEMETERY  
700 38<sup>TH</sup> ST.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46208

Date of interment, entombment, or inurnment: JULY 26, 1934

Name and address of proposed cemetery : CROWN HILL CEMETERY  
700 38<sup>TH</sup> ST.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46208

Time and date of reinterment, reentombment, reinurnment SEPTEMBER 16, 2019, 10:00 AM

Name of funeral director who will attend: SAVANAH S. LIGHT

*Hilari A. Sautbine*

State Registrar

This permit is prepared in triplicate – one copy for each cemetery's records and one copy to be filed in the County Recorder's Office.